

JESUS, THE HEALER

Luke 5:17–26

¹⁷ Now it happened on a certain day, as He was teaching, that there were Pharisees and teachers of the law sitting by, who had come out of every town of Galilee, Judea, and Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was *present* to heal them. ¹⁸ Then behold, men brought on a bed a man who was paralyzed, whom they sought to bring in and lay before Him. ¹⁹ And when they could not find how they might bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the housetop and let him down with *his* bed through the tiling into the midst before Jesus.

²⁰ When He saw their faith, He said to him, “Man, your sins are forgiven you.”

²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, “Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

²² But when Jesus perceived their thoughts, He answered and said to them, “Why are you reasoning in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, ‘Your sins are forgiven you,’ or to say, ‘Rise up and walk’? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins” —He said to the man who was paralyzed, “I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house.”

²⁵ Immediately he rose up before them, took up what he had been lying on, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. ²⁶ And they were all amazed, and they glorified God and were filled with fear, saying, “We have seen strange things today!”

MAIN POINT

Jesus possesses all authority and power to heal and forgive those who come to him with humble faith.

I. The Fame of the Teacher (v. 17)

- A. People came from all around to see Jesus
- B. The religious leaders came to listen to Jesus
- C. All were astonished at His ability to heal
 - 1. They had not seen this before
 - 2. They recognized it as the power of God

II. The Faith of the Friends (vv. 18–20)

- A. The men knew Jesus had power to heal
- B. The men expressed their faith to Jesus by doing whatever necessary to bring the paralyzed man to Him

III. The Authority of the Messiah (vv. 21–23)

- A. Jesus took the opportunity to demonstrate His authority by proclaiming divine forgiveness
 - 1. Only God has the authority to forgive sins
 - 2. Jesus points out His possession of that authority
- B. If God has divine authority to forgive sins, then Jesus must prove that He is God

IV. The Power of the Healer (vv. 24–26)

- A. The power of Jesus to both heal physical maladies and forgive sins demonstrates—
 - 1. His *authority*
 - 2. His *power*
 - 3. His *glory*
- B. Luke includes this episode to show Theophilus that Jesus possesses all authority and power to heal and forgive those who come to him with humble faith